

Thursday, August 26, 1909

Nearsighted Mary



NEARSIGHTED MARY. (Lubin. Released August 26. Length 495 feet.)—A machine-made farce interesting to those who like their knockabout work to be of the most extravagant sort. Mary is a servant who is almost blind. Sneezing, she loses her glasses, and, being unable to find them, she blunders about the kitchen and the dining room, breaking dishes and spilling soup and tea upon the family. She is like a bull in a china shop at the cast-maker's, but at last is headed for home a second time, having broken the first cast in a collision. This time she hires a messenger boy to lead her and succeeds in getting home with the cast, but falls at the steps and breaks it. She is paid off and told to go to the request being enforced by the unnecessary presence of a policeman. Mary is not a badly sustained character, but the film offers no novelty and is merely a succession of manufactured laughs. As such it will find a place in many houses, but it does not redound to the credit of the producers.



which her place of employment. She introduces herself and begins work. At once her troubles begin. She falls over everybody and breaks everything. She pours tea over the Madam's dress and the soup over the master's head. She breaks the statuary at an Italian art shop where she was sent for a marble statue. She really manages to bring the statue home unbroken but slips on the last step and the statue breaks in pieces. This is too much for



'Nearsighted Mary' (Lubin. Aug. 26.) Mary is a domestic whose family uses her as the housework, but she is nearsighted and loses her glasses, giving her an excuse for squinting. In the good old style that used to be considered the very essence of picture comedy, which we had hoped had become extinct. But at last here her job, as she should, and it is a pity she will not get another one, is a good picture of a fool. For some time to come, it is the same time as reflection is intended on the picture of the actor taking the part of Mary. It shows capability, and whatever fun was in the picture is due to his capriciousness, and



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The Doctor's Bride

"The Doctor's Bride."—Marital infidelity is so often made the basis of a picture story that it comes as a grateful variation to have Lubin bring out a picture which makes the fidelity of a young wife the basis for a drama. And it is quite as interesting, while far more satisfactory than the other kind. There are true wives, many more than the other kind, and there are true husbands. It is well to have a picture occasionally illustrating that side of daily life. And when it is as well staged and as well acted as Lubin's players have done it the picture becomes all the more impressive and helpful.

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"THE DOCTOR'S BRIDE" (Lubin. Released August 30. Length, 580 feet.)—A physician adopts the child of one of his patients whose life he has been unable to save. A year later he proposes marriage to his ward and is accepted, though there is a marked disparity in their ages. For a couple of years their married life is happy, but the young wife is inclined to be flirtatious and at a party at her own home accepts a note from one of her admirers in which he asks her to meet him "at the back gate at seven o'clock." Her husband sits up to study after the guests have gone and the wife throws herself upon the sofa. She dreams that she elopes with the flirtatious person who sent times of her. His drunkenness brings them to poverty and she leaves him (when he strikes her in one of his periods of intoxication), being found by the roadside by the physician. As the dream ends her husband wakes her and she refuses her visits, offering him the note, which he tears up unread and the closing scene makes it apparent that the lesson has been taken to heart by the girl. The scene in the death chamber, which opens the film, is crudely played but succeeding pictures are better done until the dream. Then the girl elopes in her ball dress and an open taxicab. The two scenes which follow ring false, but better work is done toward the close. The note is a puzzle. The party at which it is passed is clearly an evening affair and she is asked to be at the back gate at seven. Presumably that means the next morning, though an alley meeting at that hour is far from suggesting the romance. The drunken husband is a most brutish and unnatural sort of person, the determination to have and the execution of that idea are too hurriedly carried out and not even a woman weary to the point of exhaustion, would pick out the middle of the road as a nice, safe place in which to go to sleep. The production is careless but the story is not without its moral and its interest.

The Doctor's Bride (Lubin, Aug. 30.) The Lubin producers and players show welcome improvement in the handling of this picture. It is a step so far in advance of novelty. The story is simple, direct and plausible, and tells a sweet story in a human way. The acting is of equal merit, devoid of artificial charges and strong in feeling. The doctor takes the young daughter of a poor man who has died and in time he marries her. One night at a reception she flirts with a gentleman, who promises on her friendship and takes a note to her asking her to meet him outside at the gate. While waiting for her husband to return she falls asleep and dreams that she has been engaged to the doctor himself. The dream makes such an impression on her that she is so false to her husband, but he magnanimously burns it without reading it.

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27 A LASH TO DEATH (Edison). Released. A 70' Length, \$15 cents.—The Edison sensational picture, in which an automobile is destroyed to great reality to the big scene. This is the first picture produced by the Edison company. The story is a romance. An American girl is married to an Italian nobleman, in spite of the fact that she reciprocates the love of an American. The Duke of Naples, who is against international marriages. The man is brutal and without refinement, compelling his wife to leave him. The wife, who is the victim of the relation between the two. The wife catches her father, and her sweetheart is asked to go to Italy. The Duke of Naples strikes his wife in the face, because she had the temerity to complain of his latest action. Maddened by the sight, the Duke of Naples kills his wife. The Duke of Naples, which ends in a successful attempt of the Duke to stab his antagonist. Realizing the other's mastery of the automobile, the Duke gives pursuit in a borrowed car, and his terror, the being nobelness loses control of the machine as he is running. The car breaks through the barrier and plunges over the cliff. The Duke of Naples is killed.

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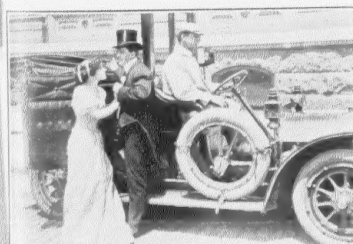


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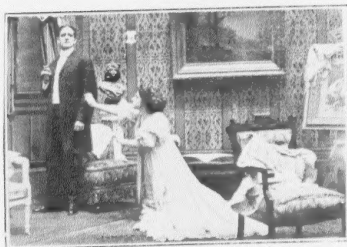
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Weak from lack of food, she breaks down on the road where she is found by Dr. Fletcher and revived. At this point of the dream the doctor has finished his work. He goes over to his young wife lovingly awakening her. She relates her dream and wants to show him the note but he smilingly tears it up; he does not want to read it. He has full confidence in his young wife which confidence is never betrayed.



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Thursday, September 2, 1909

The Woman Hater

THE WOMAN HATER (Lubin. Released September 2. Length, 850 feet).—Much good film—at so much a foot—has been spoiled to make this scant idea serve as an entire release. Jameson and Forbes suffer from an incompetent boy as typewriter because Jameson is a woman hater and will not have them around. His glaring inaccuracy is bad enough, but when he drops a cigarette in the waste basket and there is a blaze he is fired offhand. Jameson starts on his vacation and Forbes hires a girl to replace the man. He is rather impressed by her at the end of Jameson's vacation, and regrets that he must go on his. Jameson is tremendously pleased with the girl's accuracy and personality, and Forbes returns from his vacation to find the two engaged. There is about four hundred feet of good picture here, and four hundred and fifty feet of misguided effort. The entire story plays in a single office scene, and is strung out to no good end. As usual, the production is careless. The fire in the waste basket is a flash of powder, which lasts less than a second and is water. Forbes writes two lines of want ad, and four are shown on the screen, and the girl takes notes in no known system of shorthand, using the same fluent action that is supposed to pass for the writing of longhand. Even the office is not well laid out, though this is the only scene, and one of the clerks sits at a parlor table instead of at a desk. Since but one scene was required, that was worth doing well. As a short film, the subject would do. Spun out, it loses interest.



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The Woman Hater (Lubin, Sept. 16). Effective pantomime because it depicts naturally as human beings would act, makes this picture an excellent and pleasing subject. It furnishes the second opportunity which is one of the successful efforts of the Lubin players to approximate the higher class work that the public is demanding in motion pictures. There is only one drawback, and that is the fact that the lady who plays the stenographer is not of class. Far be it from this reviewer to cast aspersions on a lady's personal charms, but it cannot be denied if the typewriter fragment had been about two feet shorter or longer, and had worn a mask she would have been better able to convince us that she stood in line of caricaturing the woman hater. Nevertheless, her acting, if one can shut his eyes to her appearance, is of some merit. The woman hater of the story is an old lawyer. A young man of the firm is discharged because he smokes cigarettes, and while the woman hater is on his vacation, his junior partner hires the young stenographer in question. When the woman hater comes back he falls in love with the lady and marries her, to the intense astonishment of the rest of the office force, and we might add, of the spectators also.



"The Woman Hater" (Lubin).

The senior member of a law firm, just before starting upon his vacation, discharges the man stenographer for setting fire to a waste-paper basket with a cigarette. He seems to be an all round good fellow, and there is much joy when he starts for the train. The junior partner decides to take desperate chances and hire a woman as stenographer while the old man is away. The senior returns and displays his dissatisfaction, but the younger member of the firm has learned to like the stenographer pretty well, and insists that she remain. The young man takes his vacation. While he is gone the senior member of the firm changes his mind upon the subject of woman stenographers and when the junior member returns he gets to the office just in time to break in upon a marriage proposal from the old man and on acceptance of a life position by the stenographer.

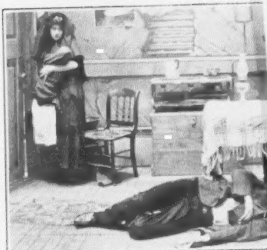
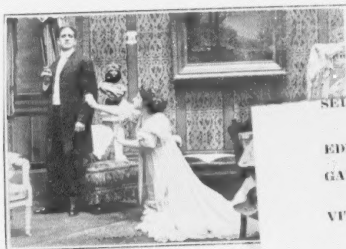
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He Tried On Handcuffs; comedy; 364 feet.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1909.

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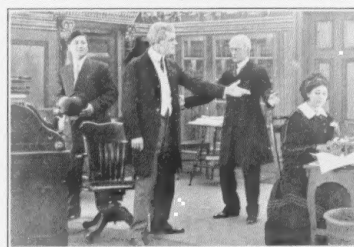
New Yorkers saw this Stanislaus
sketch for the first time Labor Day.
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liked it immensely. Mr. Stange
worked out a splendid sketch and
players act it as splendidly. From
the whole proceedings, Miss Ring's
personality lends a luster and charm to

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The Woman Hater

Length
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It is understood between the two partners that no woman will be employed, the senior partner being a deep-dyed woman hater. It happens that the typewriter is discharged just as the senior partner leaves for his vacation. He leaves the engaging of a new typewriter to the junior partner who advertises for a lady stenographer.

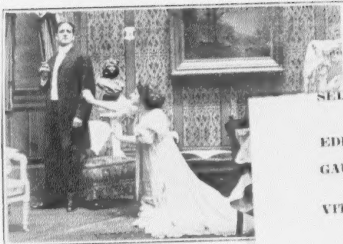


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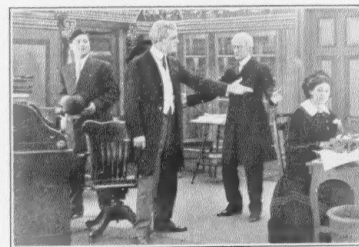
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"Sam Not Wanted in the Family."—A Pathe comedy, tell-
ing the story of a persistent but objectionable lover, who has
not sense enough to accept the gentle admonitions to de-
part, but must needs wait until he is placed on a mattress and
set adrift down the river.

"1776—Hessian Renegades."—The Biograph people have
taken an incident in the American revolution which shows
the worst side of the Hessian hirelings of England. A party
of them follow an American dispatch bearer to his home and
wantonly murder him before the eyes of his parents, and
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THE HAUNTED HAT

Length
305 Feet



"The Haunted Hat."—A comedy from Lubin which has as a basis a hat that crawls along the street. Most of the population of the town, including all the leading men, take part in the slow chase, but none dares lift it. Suddenly it stops, and a little kitten crawls from under it and the ghostly mystery is solved.

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"THE HAUNTED HAT." (Lubin. Released August 30. Length, 305 feet.)—Rather a good comedy idea. A hat is seen moving along the roadway and the policeman is called. He fears the supernatural and gets the sheriff. The little group is added to as others see the hat making its way along the road, and the village fireman is called to aid the representatives of law and order. At last a tiny kitten crawls from under the headgear and is seen to have been the mysterious spirit which gave it motion. The idea is good but not worked out with care. In one picture the hat appears on the scene and the people run for help. The hat is in the same place when they return with reinforcements, but as soon as the return the movement commences again. There is a lot of purposeless running and some of the make-ups have been used in other recent pictures, as for example, the Hungry Actor, released August 16. The general idea deserves better handling.

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"The Haunted Hat" (Lubin, Aug. 30).—This clever little farce film has a novel and big idea that brings a hearty laugh. An old grey hat is seen sliding along the sidewalk as if by witchcraft. People see it in amazement and fear. The constable, the justice of the peace and the town fireman are called out, followed by a great crowd, and finally one bold official summons up courage to lift the hat, when out walks a pretty little kitten that had been imprisoned underneath.

At last the ghost is tired and a little kitten playfully comes from under the hat. Peace reigns again in the hamlet.



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Monday, September 6th, 1909

The Call of the Heart

"THE CALL OF THE HEART." (Lubin. Released September 6. Length, 670 feet.)—The moral of this tale is to keep your grown-up daughter out of the way if you are a young widow and wish to make a second marriage. The mother is secretly engaged to a man apparently a trifle her junior. Because of her daughter's return from abroad, she asks that the engagement be kept a secret, to which the fiance agrees. The appearance of the daughter on the scene makes it apparent that her old regard for her play-fellow is rapidly becoming a stronger passion. The girl's youth and beauty are more alluring than the mother's more mature charms, but the man is decent about it and prepares to go away, leaving his love unspoken—though telling enough to let her guess his secret. The mother overhears the last farewell and calls him back, renouncing her own love for the sake of the happiness of those she loves. The story is somewhat artificially told. The girl indicates the arrival of love by becoming shrunk-shouldered and loquacious around, the mother at no time seems to care much for the man she is to marry and her sacrifice loses the element of greatness because of this fact. The use of a messenger boy to deliver a note to a man who has gone fishing is almost as funny as the abrupt landing of the fish from the stream on the arrival of the boy. The themes of mother-love and renunciation possess a powerful appeal when proper appeal is made, but here a careless production robs it of its value. In the placement of scenes one grows rather tired of the constant reappearance of the laws of the house and another scene is twice used though not necessary. In one scene the man and girl run a race and the man keeps his derby hat on throughout the run and there are other small breaks which should not have been made.



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"The Call of the Heart" (Lubin, Sept. 6).—The Lubin players show greater advancement in this picture than in any film released by the Lubin Company in many months. It is, in fact, the best dramatic production we have yet seen from this company. The story is simple and direct, full of human feeling and containing no false notes. Moreover, it is acted with rare intelligence, not masterly, but with excellent and convincing effect. There are two new people in the cast, both of whom show pantomimic ability of the right sort, while one young woman whose work in previous films has called for frequent criticism in these columns shows so much true dramatic strength and her portrayal of the young daughter is so nearly perfect that we can cheerfully forgive her for all past offenses. Evidently it has not been all her fault that she has not appeared to better advantage in previous subjects. The Call of the Heart tells of a widow whose young daughter falls in love with the man whom the widow is engaged to marry. The engagement has been a secret, and when the mother discovers that the girl and the man are in love and that the man is too honorable to obey the dictates of his heart she smother her own love for the sake of her child and brings the two together. One thought that might have been improved is the long letter sent by the man to the widow announcing his arrival on a visit. It is much too long.

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Oregon, Ill.—Harry L. Emerson has purchased the Lynn Moving Picture Theater from the Eastern Amusement Company, and will make extensive improvements.



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